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PRESS RELEASE

**MAN SENTENCED FOR IDENTITY THEFT INVOLVING DECEASED
NORTH CAROLINA CHILD**

Pensacola, Florida - Thomas F. Kirwin, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, announced today the sentence of **Jade Isaac Ingalls, 29**, of Washington state, to sixty-six months imprisonment following **Ingalls'** guilty plea to the fifteen count Superseding Indictment charging him with aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, production of identification documents, possession of five or more identification documents, possession of device making equipment, false impersonation of a federal agent, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a firearm by a fugitive from justice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 912, 922(g), 1028(a), 1028A and 1344.

On May 26, 2009, Ingalls entered a guilty plea to the Superseding Indictment alleging that between on or about January 1, 2008, and through on or about February 15, 2009, **Ingalls** manufactured fraudulent identification cards in other persons names and opened at least eight bank and credit card accounts using the fictitious identification cards in order to obtain money from the various accounts. One name, date of birth and social security number used by **Ingalls** belonged to a North Carolina child who died in 1984 at age three. In addition to opening the bank accounts, **Ingalls** used fictitious identities to rent mailboxes, create email and "MySpace" accounts, and rented a residence while identifying himself as a Special Agent with the National Security Agency.

Ingalls' identification and arrest in the Northern District of Florida was a result of the keen observations of Escambia County Sheriff's Department's Deputy Phillip Martin, Jr. and Investigator Larry Meadows. More specifically, on February 15, 2009, **Ingalls** attempted to cash

a counterfeit government payroll check at a Winn Dixie store in Pensacola, Florida. When notified by store personnel that the check could not be cashed, **Ingalls** left the store, accidentally leaving behind his wallet. The store employee then retrieved the wallet, which contained five identifications bearing different names, but all featuring **Ingalls'** photograph. The store contacted the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, and Deputy Martin collected the wallet, spoke with store personnel, and thereafter located **Ingalls** in a vehicle and arrested him.

During a search of the vehicle, numerous additional counterfeit checks were recovered. Other items seized included birth certificates, bank documents and a purported law enforcement identification. **Ingalls** identified himself using the name of the deceased North Carolina child. During Investigator Meadows' subsequent search of **Ingalls'** residence, a fraudulent passport, federal agent identification cards, birth and death certificates, bank records, a handgun and ammunition were recovered.

Following **Ingalls'** arrest and the recovery of evidence, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, and the United States Secret Service joined the Escambia County Sheriff's Office in the investigation. Through these agencies' combined efforts, **Ingalls'** bank fraud scheme was uncovered and he was federally indicted.

At today's sentencing hearing, Senior United States District Judge Roger Vinson sentenced **Ingalls** to sixty-six months imprisonment, three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay \$30,275.57 in restitution. Prior to pronouncing the sentence, Senior District Judge Vinson stated that **Ingalls'** crimes represented one of the most extensive identification fraud and theft cases that he had run across during his tenure on the federal bench.

United States Attorney Kirwin commended the dedication and tenacity of the State and Federal law enforcers whose partnership in the investigation achieved **Ingalls'** conviction. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tiffany H. Eggers.